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# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

### TEN YEARS AT ASILOMAR

Our annual Conference will go for the tenth successive year to one of the most beautiful spots on the Pacific Coast—ASILOMAR. It has proven itself more than a experiment. It is a tradition, a heritage if not an institution in itself. The memories of these years will become a part of our denominational history. There are some who have been regular attendants through the entire decade. They can tell of these experiences as they talk with their children and their children's children. To not a few it has meant a newness of life in the renewal of religious interest and in the awakening of altruistic impulses. To many it has been the one period in the year when they have heard men and women of note and have met face to face the valiant heroes of the cross who have served us in the fields near and remote. It has also been a worthwhile experience to have old and young mingle together in study and play as well as at the meal hours when we felt the ties that have bound us in a happy fellowship.

To this tenth annual meeting we invite all who have been with us in the past and such new ones—pastors and parishioners—as can find the time to "come apart and rest awhile" JULY 26 to AUGUST 2. You will find elsewhere in this issue a tentative program as well as a schedule of rates and general information concerning the Conference. We are ready to make reservations and will gladly furnish additional information to inquirers.

In addition to the former equipment we will have the use of the Mary Merrill Memorial Auditorium seating upward of a thousand as well as the Swimming Pool which was such an attraction last year. As we go to press there are a few to hear from to complete the program, one of them Ex-Secretary Curtis D. Wilbur and Dr. Francis J. Van Horn. We are also planning an interesting pageant to be staged in the new Auditorium and feel fortunate in having the Leeds Gulick family with us.

In making plans for your vacation why not include Asilomar in the plan? Those who cannot spent the full week will be well rewarded with a few days. Those who prefer to camp can find good camping privileges just outside the Y. W. C. A. grounds and can register with us for the sessions. Let us try to make this the brightest and best of all our gatherings with the hope of a great quickening of church work in the fall as the work of the year starts soon after our return from Conference.

### THE M. E. M.

We wish to give hearty endorsement of the Missionary Education Movement which meets at Asilomar July 8-16. The time and the program suits some of our missionary workers better than that of our own Conference and the programs of the past have made some most excellent contributions to our church life. The themes for this year are "The World Mission of Christianity," "The City," "The Philippines" and the "Mexicans in the United States." We will handle registrations for this assembly as Mrs. Gillman is the representative of The Pacific Southwest Territorial Board for Northern California.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE AT ASILOMAR
**Tentative Program**

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

3:00 P. M.—Devotions, led by Dr. T. T. Giffen.
Business.
4:00 P. M.—"A Christian Program As Seen in the Life of a Pagan," Rev. Joseph H. Bennett.
8:00 P. M.—Address by Dr. Francis J. Van Horn.

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

8:10 A. M.—Chapel, led by Rev. C. H. Stevens.
9:00 A. M.—Mission Study, led by Rev. Leeds Gulick, of Japan.
10:00 A. M.—Business Session.
11:00 A. M.—Forum—"Plan of Advance," Dr. Gammon.
8:00 P. M.—Laymen's Conference.

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

11:00 A. M.—Church Service.
Sermon: "Jesus' Way the Only Way," Rev. George T. Tolson.
4:30 P. M.—Vesper service, led by Rev. W. E. Eckles.
7:30 P. M.—Rev. Heber St. C. Mahood.

**MONDAY, JULY 29**

8:10 A. M.—Chapel, led by Rev. C. H. Stevens.
9:00 A. M.—Mission Study, led by Rev. Leeds Gulick.
10:00 A. M.—Business Session.
11:00 A. M.—Forum: Eighteenth Amendment, led by Rev. W. B. Thorp.
8:00 P. M.—Drama Sermon, Rev. Gail Cleland.
9:00 P. M.—Stuck-Up Program.

**TUESDAY, JULY 30**

8:10 A. M.—Chapel, led by Rev. C. H. Stevens.
9:00 A. M.—Mission Study, led by Rev. Leeds Gulick.
10:00 A. M.—Business Session.
11:00 A. M.—Life-Giving Convictions. Delegates to National Council.
8:00 P. M.—World Opportunity.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 31**

8:10 A. M.—Chapel, led by Rev. C. H. Stevens.
9:00 A. M.—Mission Study, led by Rev. Leeds Gulick.
10:00 A. M.—Business Session.
11:00 A. M.—The Use of Imagination in Religious Education. Miss Ada Rose Demerest.
8:00 P. M.—Our State Work, as told by our home missionaries.
9:00 P. M.—Young People's Stunts.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 1**

8:10 A. M.—Chapel, led by Rev. C. H. Stevens.
9:00 A. M.—Mission Study, led by Rev. Leeds Gulick.
10:00 A. M.—Business Session.
11:00 A. M.—Theology of Tomorrow, Rev. W. J. Johnson.
7:30 P. M.—Pageant.
9:00 P. M.—Fellowship Service, led by Rev. Benjamin Gould.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2**

Depart after breakfast.

### RATES AT ASILOMAR

The rates for Asilomar are the same this year as last, except that they have raised the children's age period, so that children between five and ten years of age may now come for two-thirds of the Conference rate. For the benefit of those who are planning to go for the first time, we are listing below the rates for the various classes of entertainment. Rates listed are for two persons in a room, with separate beds.

| | Conference | Per Day |
|---|---|---|
| Open Tenthouse | $15.75 | $2.50 |
| Enclosed Tenthouses | 17.50 | 2.75 |
| Guest Inn | 19.25 | 3.00 |
| The Lodge (heated) | 22.75 | 3.50–4.50 |
| | 29.75 | |
| Scripps' House (heated | 26.25 | 4.00–4.50 |
| | 29.75 | |

**Children's Rates**

Rates for children under five years of age—one-half of Conference rate.
Children between five and ten years of age—two-thirds Conference rate.
For less than the Conference period rates are slightly higher and are computed by the day. For less than a day rates are computed on the European basis.

### THE GUEST BOOK

We are to have a delightful innovation in our literature for the Every-Member-Canvass this fall. It is "THE GUEST BOOK" and advance copies are now in the Conference office showing the pages for the first day and the second day. The first is the story of Rev. L. G. Knight, who has spread the Gospel over 4600 miles of Southern Idaho. The second is the story of the work of Dr. Mary Cushman of Africa, telling what an African dispensary is doing where witch doctors formerly misled the natives. This guest book will be ready for early fall delivery. It will be free to those who will promise to entertain these guests from day to day by reading the accounts of their work at home and abroad. Watch for the method of distribution. It will not be hap-hazard. It will go to "Those who care."

### TESTED PLANS AND METHODS

This office has just received a limited number of copies of two interesting pieces of literature for young people. They are little leaflets or booklets and can be had on application. One is entitled "A Class of High School Girls and China." It suggests a method by which a class can make its own study book by meeting together and discussing the haterial that should go into such a book. It is novel and interesting and will prove profitable with study classes. The other is a pamphlet just off the press and is entitled "The World Friendship Institute." It takes the place of "The Church Training Institute" now out of date. Ministers will receive copies of this some time in June.

### OUR RECEIPTS

You will see by the following list of benevolence contributions that we have fallen considerably behind the giving of last year. On May 31, 1929, our returns were under that of any corresponding month during the past seven years. These returns were as follows:

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| 1923 | 15,899.09 |
| 1924 | 14,678.43 |
| 1925 | 15,138.46 |
| 1926 | 15,437.42 |
| 1927 | 16,341.42 |
| 1928 | 15,455.19 |
| 1929 | 13,568.90 |

Any such shrinkage means a serious loss to our treasury inasmuch as 50 per cent of the shrinkage comes out of our local work. We would think it the result of uneven remittances but for the very decided drop from normal giving. We urge our churches to make inquiry of their treasurers to see if they are remitting as promptly as heretofore. If so we trust that our loyal supporters of missions will see that something is done—and immediately—to take up the slack.

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The pastor and his sermon are big factors in keeping the business men interested in the church. Business men think and talk business every day during the week, and when it comes to listening to a sermon on business on Sunday, they are not in a mood for it. They are, however, interested in learning more about the work and teachings of Jesus.—Roger W. Babson.

When a college man meets Jesus Christ there must be the sincerity of a child and the mentality of a college man. Modern education is derived directly from Jesus and the teachers He sent out. The Great Teacher taught in all grades. The duty of the Church to the great mass of college students is to preach, not protect, the Word; the Word needs no protection; it does need preaching.—President Gage.

The unprecedented activity of the wets—these voluntary committees of lawyers, this fresh propaganda of society leaders, and the violent editorials of metropolitan journals—all indicate how desperately concerned the opposition is over President Hoover's aggressive and statesmanlike program of law observance and law enforcement.—Dan Poling.

## CENTRAL WOMEN MEET

Central Association Women held their first annual meeting June 13, in response to the call of Mrs. James Hazlett, Stockton, who is Association president.

The women of the Angel's Camp and Murphy churches were hostesses to approximately one hundred people including guests from six Bay Association churches who were entertained in Stockton the day preceding. The Murphy church was seated to capacity when Mrs. Hazlett opened the morning program which was as follows:

Greetings—Mrs. Leona Arthur, Murphy, president Ladies' Aid, Murphy church.

Devotional Service—Mrs. George E. Atkinson, Ceres; Mrs. Angie B. Van Buskirk, Lodi; Mrs. Milton Stephens, Murphy.

Presentation of Federation Officers: Mrs. T. E. Borden, Alameda, president; Mrs. E. Howard May, Berkeley, vice-president; Mrs. H. T. Helfer, Oakland, director.

Outlook Over the Parish of Calaveras County—Rev. Isaac Cookman, pastor.

Benediction—Rev. H. A. Shuder, Lodi.

After a picnic lunch in the grove, all remained out of doors for "two-minute numbers."

1. "California," Stockton's poet, Harry T. Fee, Jacqueline Lange, Lodi.
2. "Erastus Johnson," Dorothy Blair, Lodi.
3. Asilomar, Dr. Gail Cleland, Alameda.
4. Snapshots from the Field, Mrs. Gail Cleland.
5. Greetings from Angel's Camp, Mrs. H. Baumhogger, president of the Ladies' Aid.
6. Round Table on Program Problems, led by Mrs. Miles B. Fisher, Berkeley.

Rev. Isaac Cookman's parish numbers between eight and ten thousand people, with churches at Angel's Camp and Murphy, and Sunday schools at Vallecity, San Andreas and Mokelumne Hill. Parish visitation throughout the county finds great need, with ready response. This region, so rich in gold-rush history, coupled with Bret Harte and Mark Twain legends, held great charm for all guests who came from "afar."

## FAMINE IN CHINA

Editor's Note—The following article is copied from the news bulletin issued by the Fenchow mission, December, 1928.

A most serious problem daily confronts us in our work this winter. The most serious famine of the twentieth century has laid areas of Shansi and most of Shensi province desolate. Our Station Executive early appointed a special investigation committee to seek ways and means of alleviating the acute suffering prevailing in the areas in which our mission work operates. Together with Chinese members on this committee the westerners are Miss McClure, Mr. Galt, Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Outerbridge. Surveys have been made and reports carefully prepared and forwarded to the International Famine Relief Commission headquarters. The difficulty is further increased by the fact that the famine is not confined to our territory but is widespread in some nine provinces.

In our own field across the Yellow River the suffering is pitiful. In normal years the crop is poor and only sufficient to enable the peasant to "get over" the winter until the next harvest. The area is one of arid mountain land producing at best a meager crop. Throughout this large area during the spring of 1928 the crops reaped vary from ten to thirty-three per cent of normal—and normal at best is poor. In the fall of 1928, and the fall crop is the major crop, only one county reported reaping as much as a ten per cent harvest! In all other centers the crops had been parched up without maturing because of lack of rain and dry winds. In this territory there are eight hundred and eighty-five thousand population, out of which specific reports reveal five hundred and ninety thousand suffers.

(A report of this special committee is given in the book).

## PROGRAM—YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

### College

1. Methods of Young People's Work.....Dr. Robert W. Gammon, Chicago
2. Roads to the City of God.....Dr. Allan B. Taylor, Durban
3. Ethical Teachings of the Prophets.....Dr. Herman F. Swartz, Berkeley
4. What It Means to Be a Christian.....Dr. Harley H. Gill, Sacramento
5. Life Problems—Men.....Dr. Ralph C. Waddell, Oakland
   Women.....Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Oakland

### High School

1. Methods of Young People's Work.....Mr. Louis White, Oakland
2. Roads to the City of God.....Dr. Allan B. Taylor, Durban
3. Life and Teachings of Jesus.....Dr. Harold S. Davidson, Pittsburg
4. What It Means to Be a Christian.....Dr. Noel J. Breed, Petaluma
5. Life Problems—Boys.....Mr. E. T. Sherman, San Leandro
   Girls.....Miss Ada Rose Demarest, Sacramento

### Conference Officers

Director.....Rev. Jerome C. Holmes
Dean of Men.....Dr. Ralph C. Waddell
Chaplain.....Dr. Gail Cleland
Director of Music.....Mrs. Mary Frances Thelan

Registration fee $2.00 if paid before the 15th of July. An additional charge of fifty cents made for late registration. The registration fee should be sent to the Conference office.

There will be the usual provision for platform meetings and entertainment.

## BENEVOLENCES
### January 10th-May 31st, 1929

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| Adin | $ 37.00 |
| Alameda First | 5.00 |
| Alturas | 40.00 |
| Berkeley First | 3,266.64 |
| Berkeley North | 603.13 |
| Campbell | 112.00 |
| Ceres | 295.00 |
| Cloverdale | 136.70 |
| Cotati | 35.64 |
| Crockett | 54.56 |
| Eureka | 15.85 |
| Fairfax | 35.00 |
| Ferndale | 83.45 |
| Fresno First | 234.28 |
| Grass Valley | 59.13 |
| Lockeford | 15.00 |
| Lodi First | 700.00 |
| Los Gatos | 36.00 |
| Martinez | 74.19 |
| Murphys | 20.00 |
| Niles | 10.00 |
| Oakland First | 2,242.00 |
| Oakland Olivet | 53.50 |
| Oakland Pilgrim | 150.50 |
| Oakland Plymouth | 194.79 |
| Orland | 30.00 |
| Oroville | 135.00 |
| Pacific Grove | 196.40 |
| Palo Alto | 875.00 |
| Paradise | 40.00 |
| Petaluma | 106.00 |
| Pittsburg | 35.55 |
| Porterville | 40.00 |
| Reno, Nev. | 131.96 |
| Ripon | 11.43 |
| Sacramento | 244.00 |
| Salida | 10.00 |
| San Francisco Calvary | 20.00 |
| San Francisco First | 1,000.00 |
| San Francisco Richmond | 22.29 |
| San Jose | 430.85 |
| San Leandro | 26.48 |
| San Mateo | 10.00 |
| Santa Cruz | 281.41 |
| Santa Rosa First | 200.93 |
| Saratoga | 10.00 |
| Sebastopol | 29.05 |
| Sonoma | 86.84 |
| Stockton | 550.00 |
| Tulare | 83.25 |
| Weaverville | 15.00 |
| Williams | 14.00 |
| Woodside | 56.00 |
| Miscellaneous | 368.10 |
| | $13,568.90 |
| May 31st, 1928 | $15,455.19 |

## YOUNG PEOPLE!

Are you planning to attend the Conference at Asilomar this year? Those of you who have been there before know what you would miss should you be obliged to forego this week. Those who haven't been yet, will surely have a treat in store for you.

Just look at the program given above? Don't you want to take all of the five courses given for your age group? Unfortunately, this cannot be done.

When sending in your reservation for advance registration, will you please indicate which age group you will be in? The directors of the conference will need this information in advance, or some of you may lose out in obtaining books for your courses. We would like to have enough books there so you won't be disappointed, so you see how important this information is to us, to help us protect you. And if you want to save that added 50 cents in registration fee, be sure yours is in before July 15th.

## CALIFORNIA STATE CHURCH FEDERATION

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the California State Church Federation was held in San Francisco, Tuesday, June 4th. Mr. Fred D. Parr, president. Rev. F. M. Larkin, executive secretary, acted as recording secretary.

Reports were received from the various standing committees showing in detail the work of the year. The committee on program for the coming year was exhaustive, covering ten departments of educational work within the province of the State Church Federation, which represents seventeen different denominations. Mr. Parr, the president, and Rev. F. M. Larkin, executive secretary, were re-elected for the sixth time. All the officers were re-elected and Dr. J. W. Ball of the United Lutheran Church of America and Dr. H. L. Gilchrist of the Presbyterian Church were added to the list of honorary vice-presidents.

The whole trend of the meeting emphasized the fact that the Christian churches of the world were in the most progressive period of Protestantism and that there is a trend towards cooperation and Christian union, if not Christian unity, unsurpassed in history.

The past year, that of 1928, in all probability, will rank as the most significant in the progress of Christian churches towards cooperation in the United States; if not in the history of the Christian churches of the world; since the beginning of the Protestant Reformation; and 1929 bids fair to surpass 1928. The culmination of the many movements of the year, looking toward church harmony if not church unity all grow out of the organization started just twenty years ago, of "The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America." The tremendous significance of that movement in its various forms can only be understood when we keep in mind that there are 217 denominations in the United States and only 110 of them have churches in California; but 80 per cent of all the members of the Protestant churches in the country are members of the twenty-eight denominations in the Federal Council and the remaining 187 denominations have but 20 per cent of the total membership; only thirty-two denominations have more than 150,000 members each in the United States.

It can well be said of the California State Church Federation what the exetive secretary of the Pittsburgh Council said in his annual report: "Beyond question the most outstanding value of the Council is the fact that it affords a medium for the expression of unified Protestantism. Herein the churches of different denominations work together on their common tasks, face together their common problems, find together the unity of the spirit in the bonds of a common fealty to one Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

## NATIONAL COUNCIL
### Message from the Moderator
### The Crisis in the Peace Movement
### Fred B. Smith

I have just returned from a brief tour in Europe and finished my seventieth crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. In all of the recent tours some phase of the world issues of international goodwill and friendship were involved, either in investigations being made or in conferences being held at the moment.

I am absolutely certain that I found this time the most acute situation of any period since the war. Three great British statesmen and one famous French publicist, all being known as proponents of world peace, expressed the belief that in view of so many new discords which had emerged there was a good deal of discouragement about the entire world peace movement.

Mr. Henry Wickham Steed, in the current issue of the British Review of Reviews, has written this challenging and timely paragraph: "If the peoples of the civilized world were aware of the true conditions, one thing and one only, would occupy their thoughts and stir their feelings—**the peace crisis.** Never since the Armistice was signed has effective peace been so near, so tangible, so easily to be had for the taking. Yet blunders and misunderstandings, doubts and suspicions, partial revelations and misplaced secrecy have befogged the outlook so grievously that, instead of peace, there may be a gradual drifting toward international estrangement and ultimate war." This is the epitome of the whole thing. The Reduction of Armaments Conference in Geneva was on the threshold of a great opportunity but it faltered and adjourned in gloom.

The Reparation Conference in Paris revealed anew the old grudges. The conference of jurists to review the protocol of the International Court of Justice felt they had paved the way for the adherence of the United States. Then the threat is made to fight the whole thing over again in the Senate. Everybody had believed that the ratification of the Paris Peace Pact would make all of these efforts more simple and successful. But apparently it has not had that effect at all. The truth is that the crusade for a warless world must be strengthened. It must be pressed with new vigor. The peace societies have a new mandate to go forward. The victories of the past ten years are only partial ones. The next ten years will tell the story. It will be

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# SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

## WEST COAST OF MEXICO HERMOSILLO

The following letter from Miss L. Frances Smith in charge of the school at Hermosillo, dated May 15th, will be interesting reading:

"The revolution is a thing of the past and we are nearing the close of our school year. We shall have examinations and the school "fiesta" the last week in May.

"The public schools had examinations the last week of April, just before the bombardment, which occurred Sunday, April 28th, from 9 to 9:20 a. m.

"We couldn't leave town because we had no warning. It was a good thing we stayed at home. We raised the American flag with a flag of peace and left it up three days. Several people, British and Mexicans, asked for asylum under the Stars and Stripes in case the airplanes returned to bomb as it was rumored they would. Fortunately the Rebel troop train left town for the North and there was no more fighting here. Twenty-three civilians were killed by the bombs, which were aimed at the trains. There was a great crowd of townspeople watching the slaughter of cattle for soldiers near the train. That was where the bystanders were caught.

General Cailles came into town almost alone a few days later and was followed by seven thousand troops. On Sunday, May the fifth, which is one of Mexico's independence days, there was a grand review of the troops gathered here—infantry artillery and some cavalry. There were several air crafts stationed here. On May 8th the troops had drills and a sham battle out on Cruz Galvey parade grounds, and I believe we Sonora people were so deeply impressed with the efficiency of the Mexican Army that we won't declare any more revolutions for a great many years.

We had no school for two days after the bombing, except in the Normal Department where we lost no time.

We were very thankful that there was no looting in the city. The merchants hired a special guard of fifty men to protect the business houses. There probably would have been looting by the fleeing Rebels had not the airplanes demoralized them so quickly after their arrival here.

The State Officials, Acting Governor and Congress left the city several days before the end came.

Gen. Topete (Governor previous to the Revolution), was here during the bombing. He crossed the border about nine o'clock that same Sunday night. He was preceded by the other chief leaders so there was no more fighting after that.

"We were very fortunate, weren't we? We lacked nothing. Thanks to you, who sent the money to the Nogales Bank and to the Chinese merchants who cashed our checks, we had sufficient funds. On a separate sheet I shall send you the amount I have received and the amounts spent.

"Meat and vegetables were very cheap before the city became full of soldiers. We had plenty of supplies on hand. While other teachers were getting almost nothing ours were paid regularly and even in advance so that they could lay in supplies.

"We suffered most from lack of mail from home. Since the embargo has been lifted we have been almost snowed under the heaps of newspapers that have come.

"There is quite an upheaval in the public offices. The new governor is Francisco Elias who was Topete's rival. Engineer Caballero of the Boys' Cruz Galvey lost his position. The Director of Education will be Mr. Aja of the private commercial school.

Miss Schuebel and I thank you very much for your kindness and consideration."

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## ANNUAL MEETING AT PASADENA

The Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Southern California Conference was held at the First Church, Pasadena, in their new building of which they are justly proud. The attendance was about the same as last year, there being 84 pastors, 62 ministers, 182 delegates and 10 honorary members, making a total of 330 as opposed to 338 at Santa Ana.

The report of the Conference superintendent, Dr. George F. Kenngott, showed that there had been a gross gain of membership in our churches of 2767, which is a ten per cent increase. The total benevolences of the Conference amounted to $133,801.00, amounting to $5.07 per capita. The per capita giving for current expenses showed an increase from $30.36 of last year to $35.35 for the year 1928. The value of the church property in the Conference has mounted in a most remarkable way, from $1,287,100.00 in 1912 to seven times that amount, or $7,037,446.00 in 1928.

The superintendent's report showed for the year, mileage 21,822, sermons 30, addresses 73, committee meetings 163, churches visited 83.

The worship services throughout the Conference were conducted by Rev. E. D. Gaylord, keeping the spirit of the sessions on a very high level. Considerable time was given this year to the discussion of the Religious Education problems and needs in the Conference. Rev. Sidney H. Buckham, the new Conference education secretary, although in the work scarcely more than half a year, has shown himself master of the situation and is already making progress. The Mexican work on both sides of the border challenged the Conference to greater efforts in this new and important undertaking. Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse, extension secretary, gave a report showing the progress of the Oriental work in the Conference under his leadership during the past year.

All of the addresses of the Conference, except three, were given by Conference pastors, and all were of a very high order. Prof. J. Hudson Ballard, of Occidental College, gave a very stimulating address on "The Psychology of Influence," and Rev. O. W. S. McCall, of Berkeley, spoke twice, reaching a climax in the closing address of the Conference on "I Believe in—Jesus Christ."

Mr. Blake Franklin of Glendale was elected Moderator for the coming year. His experience as president of the Los Angeles Extension Society assures a very fine year under his able leadership.

The following persons were elected to the board of directors of the Conference: Mrs. E. B. Adams, Mrs. A. M. Dole, Mr. J. S. Edwards, Rev. Luther Freeman, Mrs. Clifford N. Hand, Rev. H. C. Ide, Rev. C. L. Knight, Mr. George H. Stone, Mrs. Howard Way, Mrs. C. L. Cliff, Mrs. Wm. Davies, Rev. A. M. Hanson.

Committee on Education: Rev. Homer C. Elliott and Rev. Holland F. Burr.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. G. H. Schulte, chairman; Mr. C. H. More, Rev. John Gardner.

Delegates to the National Council: Rev. James H. Lash, Rev. H. K. Booth, Mrs. John B. Toomay, Rev. George F. Kenngott, Mrs. James D. Eaton, Rev. Roy H. Campbell.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONEERENCE AT PASADENA

The Young People's Division of the Forty-third Annual Meeting of the Southern California Conference, was held at the First Church, Pasadena, on Saturday and Sunday, May 11th and 12th. This church is wonderfully adapted for such conferences, with its 117 different rooms, including auditorium, class rooms, dining room, and large gymnasium. The Conference started off with a rousing rally or "Gym Jinx" led by Mr. Schneider of Riverside, followed by two basketball games. Pasadena defeated the San Bernardino team by a narrow margin, but Glendale very easily won the game from Pomona. At the banquet where over two hundred young people sat down together, there was a "Fishing Trip" in four parts, "The Stream" by Harriet Harness of Riverside, "The Fisherman" by Bernard Melekian, Pasadena; "The Bait" by Arlene Whiteman, Claremont, and "The Catch" by Stanley Smith, Bay Shore, all advertising the coming Claremont Conference. Bruce Baxter of the University of Southern California, has a real message to the younger generation. The evening closed with a play presented by the "Work Shop" of the Pasadena Community Playhouse Association, entitled, "Fine Clothes." Sunday morning was devoted to an "Open Parliament" conducted by Rev. Sidney Buckham, on "What's Your Problem." The climax of the whole conference was the vesper service at El Encanto, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Wilcox, on the beautiful Sierra Madre mesa. The musical reading, "The Manitou" by Monroe Salisbury in that marvelous outdoor setting brought the delegates close to Nature's heart, and to the Heart of God.

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## RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Conference directors at their meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 1929, voted to make the following recommendations to the Southern California Congregational Conference at its annual meeting, May 14, 1929:

(1)—$150,000.00 be our apportionment for 1930, divided as follows: Conference work, 50 per cent; national, 20 per cent; international, 30 per cent.

(2)—That the standard rate of apportionment be twenty cents a week per capita on the basis of the total membership, and that authorization be given to the Conference directors to make apportionment for churches which do not report to the Conference as of April 1, 1930.

(3)—That the Conference pay the traveling expenses, in excess of $5.00, of pastors attending the annual meeting, when such pastors receive as salary less than $1800.00 and house or $2500.00 without parsonage, on presentation of bills.

(4)—That authorization be given for the printing of the Conference minutes immediately after the Conference closes.

(5)—That the Conference underwrite expenses of the Young People's Conference at Claremont, June 29-July 6, 1929.

(6)—In case there are vacancies in the delegation of any association to the National Council, the executive committee of the Conference directors, at the request of the association, be authorized to fill vacancies; and that in the case of the Conference a vacancy shall be so filled.

(7)—That the president of the Congregational Women's Missionary Society of Southern California be the second assistant Moderator and, if not a member of the board by election, be an honorary member thereof.

(8)—That the Conference directors be authorized to make an agreement with the National Ministerial Relief Society, mutually satisfactory, for the transference to that Society of responsibility for our Conference Ministerial Relief in accordance with the growing practice of the State Conferences.

(9)—"Plan of Advance" as recommended by the Commission on Missions be approved by the Conference and recommended to the churches with the suggestion that the guest books and other information relating thereto be distributed by the Women's Missionary Society of the church, or such other organizations as the church may decide.

(10)—That our Conference join with the other Conferences on the Pacific Coast in extending an invitation to the National Council to hold its next biennial meeting in Seattle, Washington, in accordance with the invitation and request of the Washington Conference.

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## INSURANCE

Herewith follows a statement from Leonard C. Ketchum & Son, Inc., 100 William Street, New York, regarding Church Insurance.

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**Mayflower Congregational Church, Los Angeles**—Thirteen different denominations, all working within a radius of only four and a half blocks from the Mayflower church, was reported at the Ecclesiastical Council which met on May 21st( to consider the advisability of disbanding the church. The utter folly of continuing work in a community so overchurched, the gradual dwindling of the membership and the impossibility of carrying the financial load were the reasons given for disbanding. The council voted unanimously to approve the disbandment of the church and the following resolutions and recommendations were adopted:

WHEREAS, the MAYFLOWER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, Los Angeles, has voted unanimously to disband for the following reasons, which seem to it good and sufficient:

(1)—The membership of the church has been reduced to thirty-nine (39) members as of January 1, 1929, of whom twenty-six (26) are absent, and the present membership is unequal to carrying on the work;

(2)—The community has changed much in its constituency and is greatly overchurched.

(3)—The church has for a long time received missionary aid and does not feel justified in seeking further financial support from the denomination when the calls are so many for new churches in rapidly growing communities;

(4)—The property has recently been sold by the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles, in whose name the title is vested, to the Salvation Army for $11,000, which organization will be able to use the property much more efficiently and in the service of the community;

(5)—Owing to the small membership, the changes in the community and for other reasons, it has been difficult, if not impossible, to secure efficient pastoral leadership;

RESOLVED THEREFORE, that this Ecclesiastical Council, called by the Mayflower church for the purpose of considering matters presented to it relating to the disbanding of the church, votes to approve the action of the Mayflower church in disbanding, and;

RECOMMENDS that the clerk of the church be authorized to give letters to the remaining members for membership elsewhere;

RESOLVED, that this council records its appreciation of the loyalty of the members to the Mayflower church in co-operating with the Congregational Church Extension Society of Los Angeles in the sale of the church property that the proceeds might be used in extending the work of the denomination. We also commend the Women's Missionary Society for its devotion to the missionary work as revealed in the gift of the proceeds of the property. Especially commend Rev. David Lloyd Jenkins, D.D., for his devotion to the church, for his fine spirit of self-sacrifice through all the years in its behalf, and entrusts to him particular responsibility for seeing that the matters relating to the church are closed up in due form;

RESOLVED; that the council commends to the Los Angeles Association of Congregational Churches and ministers, that the name of the Mayflower church be dropped from the roll;

RESOLVED, that this council regrets the necessity for disbanding the Mayflower church, but it sympathizes with the loyal members remaining and heartily joins with the church in commending them to any other church which they may see fit to join.

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**Alpine**—The new church recently organized at Alpine, with a membership of about forty, was greatly encouraged by pledges amounting to more than $700.00, raised by Superintendent Kenngoot at a special meeting in the Community House on April 30th. Mr. Julian Eltinge had presented the church with a fine church site in the center of town, and they soon hope to have sufficient funds to build a church adequate for their needs. It is expected that the parsonage will be sold for about $2,000 and the proceeds used for the erection of a parsonage on the new site. Rev. A. B. Peebles, who was there ten or twelve years ago, was called as pastor, though he has been obliged to return East on account of his wife's health. Rev. W. H. Fuller will take charge of the work in the absence of Mr. Peebles. The Conference voted a grant of $25.00 a month to help this important new work.

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## PASADENA

On the evening of May 21st, nearly five hundred members and friends of the First Congregational Church of Pasadena and of Daniel F. Fox, D.D., for twenty years pastor of the church, gathered in the great Mayflower Hall of the church to honor Dr. and Mrs. Fox on the consummation of a successful pastorate.

Greetings from the women of the church to Mrs. Fox were brought by Mrs. Clara Bryant Heywood. The solo quartette of the church, accompanied by the organist-director, rendered a number of very well chosen and appropriate selections during the evening. Mr. Henri Van Praag, a master violinist of Pasadena, and for many years an intimate friend of Dr. Fox, played some favorite numbers of the pastor. James H. Lash, D. D., of the First Congregational Church of Hollywood, brought greetings from the Southern California Congregational Conference, and James W. Foley, nationally known Pasadena poet, brought greetings of the community of Pasadena.

The banquet was given under the auspices of the Men's Club of the church. The club's president, Mr. F. L. S. Harman, presiding, introduced the various speakers and musicians. Following the address of Mr. Foley, Mr. Fred M. Wilcox was introduced and on behalf of the congregation presented Dr. and Mrs. Fox with a well filled purse and a certified copy of a resolution drafted on May 8th by the church, and complimented Dr. and Mrs. Fox on the work done in the parish and for the church during the past twenty years. The retiring pastor, Dr. Fox, answered the various greetings in a very happy and, at times, reminiscent mood, asserting his intention to continue his interest in the welfare and work of the organization even though he was terminating his pastorate.

Upon completion of his active ministry at the close of June, Dr. Fox with his family, will spend some months in the San Francisco Bay region and has stated that he has no announcement regarding further plans beyond this contemplated visit.

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## REPORT OF KERN COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Up in the hills "Where romance weaves her spell," the Kern County Association of Congregational Churches held its twenty-fourth semi-annual meeting April 30-May 1. It was held for the first time in the new Congregational church of which Tehachapi is justly proud.

The sessions were well attended and the program was of a high order. It was unfortunate that Dr. George F. Kenngott could not be present; but he sent a good substitute in Rev. Paul Waterhouse.

The association expressed its regret in the following resolution: "That we record our disappointment in the necessary absence of our state superintendent, Dr. George F. Kenngott, on this occasion and assure him of our confidence, our sympathy and our co-operation in the work which we have laid upon him."

The main addresses were: "The Church and Her Task," Rev. H. E. Chapman. A plea for more "Christ-like Co-operation and Unity of the Races," Rev. P. Waterhouse, extension secretary. "Religious Education," Rev. Sidney Buckham, educational secretary. "Helping One Another," Rev. A. S. Donat. "Congregational Churchmanship," Rev. W. H. Hannaford. Revs. W. H. Hart and W. H. Hannaford conducted the communion service. The W. M. S. hour was led by Mrs. Henry Yaussy, who substituted for Mrs. G. W. Kitzmiller.

A trip through the Monolith Cement plant a few miles from Tehachapi was a unique experience to many of the delegates.

The friends of the church, and its pastor, Rev. John T. Munton and the mayor of the city, Mr. L. J. Kanstein, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates. Officers elected:

Moderator, Rev. H. E. Chapman.

Assistant Moderator, Mr. F. T. Baumgart.

Registrar and Treasurer, Samuel C. Carson, and the usual standing committes.

The meeting adjourned to meet in Panama some time in October.

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## NEWS ITEMS

**Rev. H. H. Ashjian,** pastor of the Masis Congregational Church, has resigned and is at work among the Armenians in and about Chicago.

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**North Wilshire,** corner of Rossmore and Clinton streets, Los Angeles, is starting up well under the leadership of Rev. Ray W. Barber as pastor, who has come recently from the Chicago Theological Seminary.

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**Rev. J. H. Hutchins,** pastor of the Lake Avenue Congregational Church, Pasadena, is visiting the Holy Land and the Orient on a "leave of absence."

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**Paso Robles,** Rev. J. Vincent Jones, pastor, is erecting a parsonage.

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**Oildale and Oil Center,** Rev. A. K. Gleason, the pastor for several years, has resigned, and Rev. Samuel C. Carson is pastor at work.

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## NATIONAL COUNCIL

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either endur ng peace or another war.

As moderator of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, I cherish the hope that our fellowship will be in this campaign to its utmost capacity, and that we shall be abreast of our fellow Christians of other churches and other lands in consecrated co-operation for a world future that shall not only be warless, but positively and constructively devoted to the arts and triumphs of peace.

### Message from Associate Moderator Some of My Wishes

**Franklin Warner**

If wishes could come true, how quickly we would set our house in order.

In the last few years many changes have gone through the Congregational churches. We are better organized than we were to do business, but we have not quite completed our plant. There is a lack of co-ordination between different units. Our states are well organized and our national societies are merged, but there is yet a lack of entire understanding between the states and their benevolent societies. If that understanding were complete I feel sure the whole denomination would go forward faster. This is one wish.

After the war it was necessary to put our church buildings and parsonages into better order and to build new ones. From 1925 to 1927 we spent over $18,000,000, for this purpose, and at the same time increased the invested funds of the churches nearly $6,000,000 or a total increase of about $24,000,000. In the same two years the home expenses of the churches have increased over $1,300,000 per year. We have been prosperous and thinking of our own comforts and personal possession. But have we overlooked the joy and privilege or doing for others? In increasing our church giving during these prosperous years we have failed equally to cover our entire benevolent program and to our national societies we have absolutely given less. The debts of our societies prove this failure. We have consistently decreased in our support of our world-wide kingdom program since our high point in 1920, when we arose in our strength, saw our great opportunity and, from all sources, our societies received over $6,000,000. We held over the $5,000,000 point for the next four years but we have been slipping ever since. The ideal for our giving would be so to adjust our individual church program, our state program, our national program and our international program that all departments might go ahead together. No part would increase at the expense of another. This is my second wish.

My third wish is for a richer spiritual life in all our churches. We are forgetting that there is really but one supremely worth-while thing in our lives. Our pastors must be more spiritually minded. If they are not stressing that in every church, who is there to do it? It is to them we must look for this leadership. This same spirit must be in all committees and boards of officers of our churches before they will be big enough to understand the bigness of our denominational business. Our state boards of directors, our national societies and our superintendents must be filled with this Christ spirit if they are wisely to think through the whole problem.

My last wish is that, while still holding the independence of the local church, local associations, state organizations and national societies, we all grow to a closer cooperation and understanding of one another's problems so that we shall go forward together, smoothly, full of the Divine spirit left us by the living Christ.


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